

Guidelines for Submission of Senate or Congressional Redistricting Plans to the Senate Ad Hoc
Committee on Redistricting

1. To be considered, a plan must be created in the Tennessee Senate ESRI redistricting solution provided by the Senate and submitted through the program. The plan should also be accompanied by a description and comment with a name and contact information for the submitter.
2. Each such plan must:
 - (a) Use the same population figures and geographic divisions used by the Senate for redistricting;
 - (b) Be composed of contiguous districts; contiguity by water is sufficient;
 - (c) Be for the state as a whole:
 - (i) Plans for the Senate must contain thirty-three (33) districts;
 - (ii) Plans for the United States House of Representatives must contain nine (9) districts;
 - (d) Only contain single member districts;
 - (e)
 - (i) For the Senate, have a population within a ten percent overall range (expressed as a percentage from the smallest to the largest district). (The ideal population of a Senate district is 209,419. The 10% overall range is 219,890 to 198,948.);
 - (ii) Plans for the U.S. House of Representatives must be as nearly equal in population as practicable. (The ideal Congressional district population is 767,871); and
 - (f) Comply with the Voting Rights Act, the United States Constitution, and the Tennessee Constitution.
3.
 - (a) Plans must be submitted no later than November 22, 2021. The Office of Legal Services will review submitted plans to determine compliance with these guidelines; and
 - (b) The Office of Legal Services (OLS) will contact the submitter of a plan that fails to comply with these guidelines. The submitter will have seven (7) calendar days after the date on which the submitter was notified by OLS of the plan's noncompliance to revise and resubmit the plan for consideration by the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting.